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Date: March 11, 2004

Re: Serial No. 10/054,745 (Dkt No. 057) CC:

Examiner Roberts:

Thank you for your telephone call earlier today.

As we discussed, I have attached a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 that were submitted on May 8, 2002. The cover sheet was stamped with that date by the OIPE.

With regard to the claims, in our conversation as between claims 2 and 3, I selected claim 3; as between claims 6 and 7, I selected claim 6, and as between claims 18 and 19, I selected claim 19.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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May 1, 2002

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Re: Applicant(s): Donohoe, Brendan M.; et. al.  
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.  
Title: Method and Apparatus for Creating an Opening in the Wall of a  
Tubular Vessel  
Serial No.: 10/054,745  
Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Docket No.: 057

Filed: January 22, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 3731

Dear Tom:

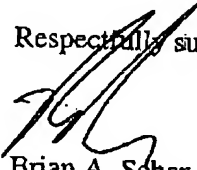
Enclosed are the following documents:

- (1) This letter;
- (2) A Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(b);
- (4) PTO-1449 (13 pages);
- (5) Return receipt.

Two boxes of references are being transmitted to you via FedEx Ground and hopefully will reach you in a week or so. I will email you the tracking information for these boxes. When you receive them, please hand-deliver them along with the papers in this envelope to the Patent Office. You quoted me a price of \$75 for this service, which will definitely allow me to save some money as compared to Express Mailing these boxes directly to the Patent Office.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

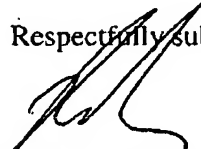
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CARDICA Serial No. 10/054,745 Box 1 of 2,  
CARDICA Serial No. 10/054,745 Box 2 of 2; and
- (5) Return receipt.

If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents, an extension of time is hereby requested.

Please charge Deposit Account 502108 for any fees required, and credit deposit account 502108 any amounts overpaid.

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)**

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Sir:

In compliance with the Applicant's duty under 37 CFR § 1.56, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner in conjunction with the CPA filed herewith. The items are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are included.

Copies of cumulative patents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 have not been provided, pursuant to MPEP 609(III)(A)(2). These cumulative patents are continuations or divisionals of U.S. patents provided herewith. These cumulative patents are listed below, along with their relationship to U.S. patents provided with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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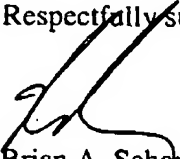
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German-language references DE 19732234 and DE 4041262 are cited in the attached PTO-1449. A copy of an English-language abstract is attached to each German-language reference in order to concisely explain its relevance, under MPEP 609 and 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i).

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This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), and thus no petition or fee is required.

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